

NH JJ Reform Commission Ethnic and Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2022 10am-11am

Attendees: Eddie Edwards, Department of Safety
Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Services

Absent: Jorge Santana, LICSW
Nicole Rodler, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator

Transcriber: Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Services

Meeting Discussion:

Assistant Commissioner Edwards and JJS Archer discussed their backgrounds and investment into the improvement of disparities in New Hampshire. Assistant Commissioner Edwards advised the Governor has a Commission on Race and Ethnic Inclusion. He shared information on current training curriculum provided through Police Standards and Training Council and in service trainings offered. JJS Archer discussed the Implicit Bias project started by the former SAG and updated that it was provided to juvenile justice field and residential staff. She advised that outcomes will be shared by University of New Hampshire in May. Assistant Commissioner Edwards shared information on a Time Magazine article on PB and J racism.

Both Assistant Commissioner Edwards and JJS Archer discussed impressions that socio economic status impacts racial opportunities in the juvenile justice system. They would like to look at data in the coming meetings.

Assistant Commissioner Edwards volunteered for nomination to be the subcommittee's chair and JJS Archer volunteered to be vice chair. The subcommittee's goal is to "To prevent the disproportionate entrance into the juvenile justice system of any under represented population, ensure equal access to programs and treatment for all populations, and ensure equal opportunities for all youth involved in the juvenile justice system regardless of race, gender, identity, sex, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status."

The subcommittee will meet regularly on the last Thursday of the month at 10am utilizing the Dolloff 3rd floor classroom when available.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 28, 2022 10am – 11am